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TO: Honorable Glenn Lewis, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

FROM: John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3313 by Capelo (Relating to the optional county fee for the county road and bridge fund.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code by doubling the additional fee a commissioners' court of a county may impose on a vehicle registered in the county. Although the Texas Department of Transportation indicated a small cost to implement the bill, it is estimated the agency could implement the provisions of the bill within current resources.

The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in both houses; otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2003.

Local Government Impact

The revenue gain would vary by county depending on what, if any, amount is currently imposed as an additional fee for vehicle registration. If, for example, a county imposes the current maximum of \$10 per vehicle registered and were to impose the proposed new maximum of \$20, the county would double the revenue collected. For example, the tax assessor-collectors in counties where \$10 is currently imposed reported that the increase in annual revenue gain would be \$100,000 in Brazos County, over \$3.6 million in Denton County, \$2.8 million in Fort Bend County, almost \$1.1 million in Midland County, and over \$2.2 million in Williamson County.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 601 Department of Transportation

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